

# National Center for Health Statistics

# Daily Updates of Totals by Week and State

Provisional Death Counts for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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Note: Provisional death counts are based on death certificate data received and coded by the National Center for Health Statistics as of November 5, 2020. Death counts are delayed and may differ from other published sources (see Technical Notes). Counts will be updated periodically. Additional information will be added to this site as available.

The provisional counts for coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) deaths are based on a current flow of mortality data in the National Vital Statistics System. National provisional counts include deaths occurring within the 50 states and the District of Columbia that have been received and coded as of the date specified. It is important to note that it can take several weeks for death records to be submitted to National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), processed, coded, and tabulated. Therefore, the data shown on this page may be incomplete, and will likely not include all deaths that occurred during a given time period, especially for the more recent time periods. Death counts for earlier weeks are continually revised and may increase or decrease as new and updated death certificate data are received from the states by NCHS. COVID-19 death counts shown here may differ from other published sources, as data currently are lagged by an average of 1–2 weeks.

The provisional data presented on this page include the weekly provisional count of deaths in the United States due to COVID-19, deaths from all causes and percent of expected deaths (i.e., number of deaths received over number of deaths expected based on data from previous years), pneumonia deaths (excluding pneumonia deaths involving influenza), pneumonia deaths involving COVID-19, influenza deaths, and deaths involving pneumonia, influenza, or COVID-19; (a) by week ending date and (b) by specific jurisdictions.

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Table 1 has counts of death involving COVID-19 and select causes of death by the week ending date in which the death occurred. For deaths involving COVID-19 by week ending date at the state level, © Click here to download.

➤ Table 1. Deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), pneumonia, and influenza reported to NCHS by week ending date, United States. Week ending 2/1/2020 to 10/31/2020.\*

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Week ending date in which the death occurred	All Deaths involving COVID- 19 (U07.1) <sup>1</sup>	Deaths from All Causes	Percent of Expected Deaths <sup>2</sup>	Deaths involving Pneumonia, with or without COVID-19, excluding Influenza deaths (J12.0- J18.9) <sup>3</sup>	Deaths involving COVID-19 and Pneumonia, excluding Influenza (U07.1 and J12.0- J18.9) <sup>3</sup>	All Deaths involving Influenza, with or without COVID-19 or ₱ Pneumonia (J09–J11), includes COVID-19 or Pneumonia⁴	Deaths involving Pneumonia, Influenza, or COVID-19 (U07.1 or J09-J18.9) <sup>5</sup>
Total Deaths	218,349	2,396,991	112	223,766	99,328	6,765	348,541
2/1/2020	0	58,776	99	3,811	0	480	4,291
2/8/2020	1	59,335	99	3,806	0	521	4,328
2/15/2020	0	58,755	100	3,834	0	561	4,395
2/22/2020	5	58,817	101	3,702	1	565	4,271
2/29/2020	10	59,238	103	3,830	5	655	4,490
3/7/2020	35	59,621	103	3,968	17	634	4,619
3/14/2020	56	58,602	103	3,965	28	626	4,618
3/21/2020	573	59,130	104	4,540	250	558	5,414
3/28/2020	3,168	62,924	113	6,173	1,433	443	8,301
4/4/2020	10,036	72,193	129	9,916	4,762	478	15,433
4/11/2020	16,196	78,952	142	11,994	7,229	473	21,095
4/18/2020	17,084	76,618	142	11,387	7,309	265	21,238
4/25/2020	15,447	73,740	137	10,368	6,603	144	19,259
5/2/2020	13,156	69,167	129	8,941	5,516	65	16,626
5/9/2020	11,176	66,699	126	7,826	4,707	48	14,333
5/16/2020	9,173	64,358	123	6,762	3,775	21	12,178
5/23/2020	7,191	61,486	118	5,885	2,969	24	10,126
5/30/2020	6,121	59,528	115	5,266	2,483	12	8,916
6/6/2020	5,003	58,752	112	4,882	2,140	11	7,756
6/13/2020	4,203	57,877	112	4,519	1,857	11	6,873

6/20/2020	3,812	57,797	112	4,352	1,599	8	6,572
6/27/2020	3,791	58,302	113	4,248	1,548	11	6,501
7/4/2020	4,484	59,604	115	4,537	1,988	4	7,034
7/11/2020	5,723	61,649	120	5,506	2,701	10	8,537
7/18/2020	7,098	62,852	123	6,148	3,426	12	9,829
7/25/2020	8,114	63,904	126	6,700	3,932	10	10,887
8/1/2020	8,193	63,786	125	6,771	4,026	13	10,944
8/8/2020	7,749	63,103	123	6,729	3,939	9	10,545
8/15/2020	7,103	62,728	124	6,414	3,625	5	9,894
8/22/2020	6,195	61,188	121	5,834	3,140	12	8,898
8/29/2020	5,482	59,112	116	5,346	2,782	11	8,052
9/5/2020	4,699	57,660	113	4,944	2,368	9	7,280
9/12/2020	4,270	56,591	110	4,665	2,147	7	6,793
9/19/2020	3,857	56,095	108	4,384	1,859	5	6,387
9/26/2020	3,846	56,570	109	4,534	1,898	3	6,484
10/3/2020	3,647	54,529	104	4,256	1,735	7	6,175
10/10/2020	3,989	54,465	104	4,410	1,963	11	6,445
10/17/2020	3,825	49,687	93	4,088	1,840	12	6,080
10/24/2020	3,043	42,093	78	3,264	1,352	7	4,960
10/31/2020	795	20,708	38	1,261	376	4	1,684

NOTE: Number of deaths reported in this table are the total number of deaths received and coded as of the date of analysis and do not represent all deaths that occurred in that period. Counts of deaths occurring before or after the reporting period are not included in the table. The United States population, based on 2019 postcensal estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, is 328,239,523.

➤ Table 2. Deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), pneumonia, and influenza reported to NCHS by jurisdiction of occurrence, United States. Week ending 2/1/2020 to 10/31/2020.\*

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<sup>\*</sup>Data during this period are incomplete because of the lag in time between when the death occurred and when the death certificate is completed, submitted to NCHS and processed for reporting purposes. This delay can range from 1 week to 8 weeks or more, depending on the jurisdiction and cause of death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, coded to ICD-10 code U07.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Percent of expected deaths is the number of deaths for all causes for this week in 2020 compared to the average number across the same week in 2017–2019. Previous analyses of 2015–2016 provisional data completeness have found that completeness is lower in the first few weeks following the date of death (<25%), and then increases over time such that data are generally at least 75% complete within 8 weeks of when the death occurred (8).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Counts of deaths involving pneumonia include pneumonia deaths that also involve COVID-19 and exclude pneumonia deaths involving influenza.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Counts of deaths involving influenza include deaths with pneumonia or COVID-19 also listed as a cause of death.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, pneumonia, or influenza, coded to ICD−10 codes U07.1 or |09-|18.9.

Jurisdiction of Occurrence	All Deaths involving COVID- 19 (U07.1) <sup>1</sup>	Deaths from All Causes	Percent of Expected Deaths <sup>2</sup>	involving Pneumonia, with or without COVID-19, excluding Influenza deaths (J12.0- J18.9) <sup>3</sup>	Deaths involving COVID-19 and Pneumonia, excluding Influenza (J12.0-J18.9 and U07.1) <sup>3</sup>	All Deaths involving Influenza, with or without COVID-19 or Pneumonia (J09–J11) <sup>4</sup>	Deaths involving Pneumonia, Influenza, or COVID-19 (U07.1 or J09-J18.9) <sup>5</sup>
United States <sup>6</sup>	218,349	2,396,991	112	223,766	99,328	6,765	348,541
Alabama	3,874	44,596	112	3,470	1,265	101	6,175
Alaska	66	3,281	100	148	31	-	189
Arizona	5,315	55,889	124	5,717	3,003	115	8,144
Arkansas	1,837	26,727	111	2,359	850	79	3,423
California	17,099	226,093	112	22,818	9,586	582	30,911
Colorado	2,158	33,671	113	2,646	1,093	96	3,802
Connecticut	4,517	25,913	109	2,055	983	72	5,658
Delaware	605	7,711	111	539	233	16	927
District of Columbia	792	5,432	117	1,046	753	-	1,094
Florida	16,460	181,783	115	18,683	8,984	336	26,470
Georgia	6,957	72,951	114	6,534	3,289	115	10,314
Hawaii	273	8,979	102	595	126	21	763
Idaho	607	11,499	107	656	238	25	1,050
Illinois	8,713	91,923	115	9,018	4,223	183	13,687
Indiana	4,248	53,927	108	5,008	1,831	133	7,554
lowa	1,777	24,462	107	1,779	540	85	3,101
Kansas	1,098	21,299	107	1,480	440	89	2,227
Kentucky	1,591	37,625	103	3,384	736	103	4,339
Louisiana	5,273	40,501	117	4,115	2,582	75	6,875
Maine	170	11,505	104	706	39	31	868
Maryland	4,499	44,103	117	4,137	1,665	128	7,083
Massachusetts	8,255	52,044	116	5,799	2,942	166	11,270
Michigan	6,729	83,347	114	7,339	3,256	243	11,050
Minnesota	2,451	36,577	109	2,618	714	122	4,476
Mississippi	3,228	28,190	118	3,418	1,666	57	5,033
Missouri	3,040	51,863	107	3,519	1,138	182	5,602
Montana	354	8,198	105	497	153	34	732
Nebraska	692	13,517	105	1,021	274	28	1,467

Nevada	1,666	21,982	113	2,453	1,260	41	2,900
New Hampshire	463	9,975	106	584	122	31	954
New Jersey	14,581	72,498	130	10,491	7,012	122	18,168
New Mexico	882	15,097	108	1,126	408	29	1,629
New York <sup>7</sup>	11,929	89,445	119	11,478	5,697	217	17,908
New York City	20,915	67,089	164	11,537	8,014	970	24,575
North Carolina	2,796	61,019	85	4,365	1,115	232	6,275
North Dakota	479	5,842	108	594	214	20	879
Ohio	5,166	97,120	104	6,446	2,220	264	9,655
Oklahoma	1,453	30,232	101	2,770	563	113	3,766
Oregon	625	28,416	103	1,306	206	66	1,790
Pennsylvania	9,066	110,454	108	8,096	3,266	254	14,146
Rhode Island	1,127	8,511	108	783	441	25	1,494
South Carolina	3,631	43,447	117	3,652	1,556	102	5,825
South Dakota	446	6,536	105	574	199	28	849
Tennessee	3,206	62,083	110	5,365	1,588	138	7,119
Texas	18,327	177,071	116	19,256	9,415	370	28,525
Utah	627	15,786	109	950	243	41	1,375
Vermont	62	4,541	104	209	15	16	272
Virginia	3,622	57,192	111	3,573	1,321	117	5,987
Washington	2,167	46,006	106	3,380	1,115	116	4,543
West Virginia	390	15,833	93	1,150	152	60	1,448
Wisconsin	1,974	43,409	108	2,301	528	152	3,897
Wyoming	71	3,801	110	223	25	-	278
Puerto Rico	763	21,364	95	2,766	483	74	3,116

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Deaths with confirmed or presumed COVID-19, pneumonia, or influenza, coded to ICD-10 codes U07.1 or J09-18.9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>United States death count includes the 50 states, plus the District of Columbia and New York City.



# Understanding the Numbers: Provisional Death Counts and COVID-19

Provisional death counts deliver the most complete and accurate picture of lives lost to COVID-19. They are based on death certificates, which are the most reliable source of data and contain information not available anywhere else, including comorbid conditions, race and ethnicity, and place of death.

#### How it Works

The National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) uses incoming data from death certificates to produce provisional COVID-19 death counts. These include deaths occurring within the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

NCHS also provides summaries that examine deaths in specific categories and in greater geographic detail, such as deaths by county and by race and Hispanic origin.

**COVID-19 deaths are identified using a new ICD-10 code.** When COVID-19 is reported as a cause of death – or when it is listed as a "probable" or "presumed" cause — the death is coded as **U07.1**. This can include cases with or without laboratory confirmation.

### Why These Numbers are Different

Provisional death counts may not match counts from other sources, such as media reports or numbers from county health departments. Counts by NCHS often track 1–2 weeks behind other data.

- **Death certificates take time to be completed.** There are many steps to filling out and submitting a death certificate. Waiting for test results can create additional delays.
- States report at different rates. Currently, 63% of all U.S. deaths are reported within 10 days of the date of death, but there is significant variation between states.
- It takes extra time to code COVID-19 deaths. While 80% of deaths are electronically processed and coded by NCHS within minutes, most deaths from COVID-19 must be coded by a person, which takes an average of 7 days.
- Other reporting systems use different definitions or methods for counting deaths.

## Things to know about the data

**Provisional counts are not final and are subject to change.** Counts from previous weeks are continually revised as more records are received and processed.

**Provisional data are not yet complete.** Counts will not include all deaths that occurred during a given time period, especially for more recent periods. However, we can estimate how complete our numbers are by looking at the average number of deaths reported in previous years.

**Death counts should not be compared across states.** Some states report deaths on a daily basis, while other states report deaths weekly or monthly. State vital record reporting may also be affected or delayed by COVID-19 related response activities.

For more detailed technical information, visit the Provisional Death Counts for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Technical Notes page.

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